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Claims 11, 13-19 and 21-30 are now in this Application, and are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Claim Objection

Claim 18 has been amended to add a period at the end of the claim, as required by the Examiner. The same amendment has been made to claims 26-28.

Rejection of claim under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

It was stated that "the support having high friction" of claim 29 does not have antecedent basis. However, claim 29 depends from claim 18 which recites that "the holding device comprises two clamping straps which overlap the lenses elastically and press the lenses against a support having high friction (emphasis added)." It is therefore submitted that there is proper antecedent basis.

However, to make absolutely certain, claim 18 has also been amended to positively recite the support having high friction. Thus, claim 18 now recites that "the holding device comprises a support having high friction and two clamping straps which overlap the lenses elastically and press the lenses against the

support having high friction."

It is therefore submitted that the rejection of claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

It was stated that claims 13, 14, 20-24, 27 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20 and its intervening claim 12. It is therefore submitted that claim 11 is now in condition for allowance.

Further, the remaining claims depend from claim 11, and it is therefore submitted that the remaining claims are therefore also in condition for allowance.

#### Prior Art Rejection

Claims 11, 12, 15-19, 25, 26 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious from U.S. Patent No. 5,722,647 to Rattaro et al. in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 57-194808.

However, since claim 11 now includes the limitations of allowable claim 20 and intervening claim 12, and since the remaining claims depend from amended claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 11, 12, 15-19, 25, 26 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), has become moot, and thereby has been overcome.

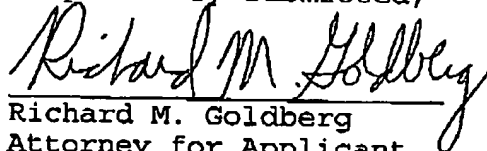
If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 11, 13-19 and 21-30 are allowable, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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